

481—103.4 (99B) Game of bingo. Each game shall meet all of the requirements of the definition of “bingo” in Iowa Code section 99B.1(5) to be a legal game of bingo. Games ordinarily considered bingo may be played.

103.4(1) A fair and legal game shall meet at least all of the following criteria:

- a.* Concealed numbers on a playing face are not allowed.
- b.* The game requires an announcer or caller.
- c.* Numbers shall be announced so all players can hear clearly.
- d.* A free space or spaces are allowed.
- e.* The game proceeds as the caller selects and announces the numbers. If a caller miscalls a number or misreads a ball, only the number on the ball may be used. Miscalled numbers are invalid.
- f.* House rules may require that a player have the last number called for a bingo. If not posted in the house rules, the player is not required to have the last number called.
- g.* Each game ends when it is determined that a player has covered the announced pattern of spaces. The caller or another worker shall verify the numbers on winning cards. The caller checks for additional bingos and officially closes the game.
- h.* Wild numbers are allowed, but must be chosen using a random selection method.

103.4(2) Any player may request that all numbers drawn and all numbers not drawn be verified when the winning card or cards are verified. Numbers shall be verified in the presence of the member in charge and the caller. The player who requested verification may observe the count.

103.4(3) The cost to play each game shall not exceed \$5. Cards or games may be sold only within the premises of the bingo occasion. The cost for each packet, playing face, or tear sheet shall be the same for each participant, i.e., the cost for an opportunity to play shall be equal. Players may pay for games with cash or, at the option of the licensee, checks.

- a.* All cards or games shall be assigned a price.
- b.* The price shall be posted. Cards may be sold only for the posted price.
- c.* Free games shall not be given. Free games include gift cards redeemable for games. This paragraph does not prohibit giving free concession items such as food, beverages or daubers.
- d.* Bingo games allowing for a trade-in of a bingo card during a bingo game for not more than fifty cents per trade-in may be allowed.

103.4(4) Cards for each category shall be distinctly marked. Each shall be easy to distinguish from all others.

- a.* Bingo games or cards may be printed on only one side.
- b.* In each game, the bingo operator must ensure that duplicate playing faces are not sold.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99B.1(5), 99B.3(1) and 99B.7(1).